

# Gazette looks back on 2005



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## In Memory



*Inez "Chichi" Robinson*

Naval Station Guantanamo Bay paid its last respects to two of its long-time residents in 2005. Inez "Chichi" Robinson passed away in January, and Claude B. McPherson, passed away in October.

Robinson, who asked for asylum on the station in the mid 1960's, worked at the Navy Exchange. Funeral services were held at the base Chapel, and she was buried in the base cemetery.

McPherson requested asylum on the station in 1968. He first started working here in 1943, and worked for more than 50 years in the Public Works Dept., retiring in 1993. He was considered a local authority on Cuban and base history.

He died Oct. 15, and his remains were returned to his family in mainland Cuba.



*Claude B. McPherson*



Photo by PH1(SW) Terry Matlock

**Wind turbines --** The wind turbine project was officially dedicated on April 25. The project is expected to save taxpayers \$1.2 million in annual energy costs.



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**Ship visit --** The USS Saipan, homeported in Norfolk, in support of Operation New Horizons 2005, stopped in Guantanamo Bay for several days in early February during a two-month deployment to the Caribbean. Operation New Horizons took place in Haiti, where U.S. military forces built schools, drilled wells, and provided medical assistance to people affected by the 2004 hurricane season. The ship, which has a crew of more than 1,000, is 820 feet long, and 106 feet wide. Speed is approximately 24 knots. The ship can also host a Marine detachment of almost 2,000.